



# DAILY HERALD NAMES THE GODDARD SCHOOL<sup>®</sup> BEST

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**March 29, 2009 - Chicago, IL,** The Goddard School was named one of the best child care centers in the Chicagoland area in the 2009 Readers' Choice awards from the Daily Herald, the third largest daily newspaper in Illinois.

"Our schools are proud to be recognized by the Illinois community with this prestigious honor," said Joseph Schumacher, Chief Operating Officer at Goddard Systems, Inc. "Parents look to Goddard for quality child care, and this award further emphasizes to the community that Goddard is a premier childcare provider."

The Daily Herald Readers' Choice campaign asked readers to identify the top businesses in the Chicagoland area in a wide range of categories. There was an unprecedented response from print and online readers with a total of 12,000 ballots received. Clear majorities determined the winners and The Goddard School was named one of the best child care centers in the area.

The Goddard School will be highlighted in a special Daily Herald Readers' Choice award section and will also be featured in a special "Best of the Best" segment online.

The Goddard School offers a program, for children up to six years old, which focuses on building a strong and balanced foundation of emotional, social, cognitive, and physical skills for each child. Goddard provides children with a nurturing environment and a curriculum that encourages learning through play.

For a complete list of school locations, hours and phone numbers, visit Goddard on the Web at [www.goddardschool.com](http://www.goddardschool.com).

About Goddard Systems, Inc. [www.goddardschool.com](http://www.goddardschool.com)

Recently named #1 Childcare Franchise in the United States, by Entrepreneur magazine, for the eighth consecutive year (January 2009) and one of the Top 200 Franchise Systems (in worldwide sales), by Franchise Times, for the second consecutive year (October 2008); Goddard Systems, Inc. (GSI) is expanding The Goddard School network throughout the United States. Headquartered in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, GSI currently licenses 320+ franchised schools with more than 40,000 students in 37 states. With a successful system in place and dedicated franchisees, GSI is the acknowledged leader in franchised childcare and a premier childcare provider in the United States.